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MEMORANDUM FOR Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Informal comments on KIQ 36 and KIQ 37: Key Intelligence Questions and Strategies Affecting the Arab-Israeli Crisis (C/NFD)

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- (U) Suggested redrafts of KIQ 36 and KIQ 37 are attached in response to the agenda for the $20~\mathrm{May}$ meeting of the NSCIC Working Group.
- (U) I feel that such review of critical KIQ's and KIQ Strategies can be a useful continuing activity for the NSCIC/WG. The formal review process is cumbersome and calls for so general a review effort that it sometimes does not produce effective guidance as to what policy-level decision makers really need by way of substantive intelligence.
- (U) Accordingly, I feel it would be useful for the IC Staff or members of the Working Group to suggest the review of given KIQ's and KIQ Strategies for each meeting of the NSCIC/WG. This could be particularly useful in providing the intelligence community with a detailed and timely picture of the kind of detailed substantive data which it is most important to obtain in answering a critical KIQ. Most of the current KIQ Strategies lack a list of such data needs, and many of the KIQ's are so general that they do not act as specific guidance for intelligence collection and analysis.

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